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## Monroe club conversion 'fits' 2003

**BY PATRICK BUFFETT**  
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Citing losses in excess of \$50,000 over the past two and a half years, a post community activities official described the end-of-fiscal-year conversion of the Fort Monroe Club to a community center annex as an "unavoidable necessity."

"Any rumors that the club is closing completely are simply untrue," Rod MacGillivray, Fort Monroe Community Activities chief financial officer, also emphasized. "We're changing a business model to fit this installation as it is in 2003. We're taking into account what customers really want and what they're willing to pay for."

Noting the limited details offered in the preliminary announcement about the conversion ('Red Ink,' Casemate, July 18 issue), MacGillivray said he felt it was necessary to provide additional insights into what motivated the conversion and how the community center annex will serve its customers after Oct. 1.

"I think the key here ... what Monroe employees really need to focus on ... is that the annex will continue to offer support for conferences and community events," MacGillivray said.

"The second piece is a food, beverage and entertainment operation – short name, catering," he said. Still maintained by MWR, that operation will run according to customer need – whether it's lunch for a conference or catering for a family get-together.

At the urging of the post commander, Col. Perry D. Allmendinger, Sunday brunch will also remain, the finance chief said. Customers may see a price adjustment, he noted, to ensure income is matching cost. The summer's "Friday at the Fort" program will also be maintained as a result of its "positive effect on community morale."

"Going away," as MacGillivray put it, is the daily lunch service that was re-established after 9/11 as a convenience to the community. Having never profited from the venture, MacGillivray said MWR now feels quite comfortable handing over its steadfast noontime diners to the new Thumpers on the Bay concession restaurant at the Marina. Ruby's at the PX and the bowling alley snack bar are also convenient lunchtime options. The club's lunch service ends Aug. 15.

The Wednesday evening Beef and Burgundy and ballroom dancing programs will also be discontinued as of Sept. 24, MacGillivray said. "I know this is a tough transition for all the sentimentalists out there, but, again, we've had to make tough decisions based on what the customer base was able to support."

Collection of the monthly \$15 membership dues has also ceased. Patrons holding a First USA Mastercard obtained through the club will

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Photo by Patrick Buffett

*From left, Maj. Gen. Alan "Bud" Thrasher, Maj. Gen. John T.D. Casey and Lt. Gen. Dennis D. Cavin troop the line during the U.S. Army Cadet Command change of command at Continental Park July 31. See story, Page 3.*

## Post dinner marks Chaplain Corps' 228th

**BY PATRICK BUFFETT**  
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It was an evening to honor those who "strengthen the soul of the warrior."

For 228 years, the U.S. Army Chaplain has supported and maintained the well being of soldiers and their families. They have nurtured troop morale and spiritual beliefs during every conceivable type of deployment, from major combat to small-scale field exercise.

In celebration of that legacy, chaplains, chaplain assistants and guests from the Fort Monroe, Eustis and Story communities gathered at the Fort Monroe Club July 29 for a birthday party featuring song, dance and a special keynote address by Brig. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, the Army leader many recognize instantly from his regular appearances on morning news shows during the combat phase of the War on Iraq.

Focusing on the theme for the event – strengthening the soul of the warrior – Brooks

lauded chaplains for their contributions "before, during and after."

"You're there when the soldier first walks into basic training," he told the gathering. "This is the moment at which the shock to the human system is at its greatest. You provide the new soldier a place of refuge and solace. You provide new opportunities for growth and enlightenment. And, most importantly, you teach them the morality of the soldier – that which separates us from thugs.

"You're there in the units when soldiers of all grades and all specialties join together to form a cohesive whole," Brooks continued. "You teach them to learn to deal with frustration; to move away from selfish motives and toward selflessness. ... You provide a very human touch, (balancing) the intensity and drive of a command so that the fullness of the Army's care and concern can be felt. When a soldier really needs help,

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# Commentary

## Chaplain's corner

### Summer brings slower pace, time to listen

Summer is one of my favorite times of the year. I especially like it because no matter how old I get, it's a great time to reminisce. I remember being a boy between the ages of 10 and 12. Those years seem to have been the best years of my life. I remember going fishing and playing baseball on the local little league baseball team. I remember homemade ice cream and a fish fry every weekend, vacation bible school and a host of other childhood enjoyments. Then, life seemed to be simple; and no matter what was going on around us, there was always time to enjoy life.

In the summertime I thought about many things as I sat underneath a pine tree waiting for that one big fish to bite. On many occasions, thoughts of God would cross my mind. I wondered if God had any fun at all, or did God just sit up in heaven looking down waiting to zap someone for the wrong he had done. And speaking of zapping, I grew up in South Florida well aware of the furious thunder and lightening storms that passed through the early afternoons. When the lightening would strike, I was terrified and would find myself hiding underneath the bed for safety. Mama had a way of easing my fears because she would explain

"when there is lightening and rain, it is because God is doing his work here on earth, and he needs complete silence to do it, and this is the reason children need to come inside the house and lay down on the bed and be quiet and listen while God finishes his work." So, for most of my life I believed when it rained or thundered God was doing his work, and even now I find myself listening to the rain as it falls and thinking to myself, God is speaking and I need to listen.

I have often thought about what mama said about being quiet and listening so I can hear God speak as the rain came down. Even to this day, I find myself not wanting to be outside when the rain comes because I still believe it's a time God is doing his work, (but also the fact that I'm afraid of being outdoors when it is lightening). However, in these days I find listening to God to be a challenge, especially when life is on the fast track. And finding the time to be quiet is a challenge. When everything is moving so fast it is difficult to stay still and listen to God. I do know that God is eager for us to take the time to listen to his side of the story.

We spend a lot of time asking God to listen to our side, but do you ever consider God has something to say us? God is eager for us to listen to him. We miss great opportu-

nities to feel and sense God's presence when we are not listening. We will never hear God speak if we do not take the time to listen. We can only do this by putting our minds in places where we can hear his voice when he speaks.

God speaks to us and lets us know His plans for us through the Bible. In Jeremiah 29:11, God says to us, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." This scripture is worth listening to God because it assures me that there is a divine plan for mankind. God sometimes speaks with a whisper and at other times He speaks in a loud, thundering voice through the storms of life. Regardless of how God speaks, the question is, are we listening when He speaks?

Someone may say, "I have never heard God speak." Too often this is an indication that one is not listening to the Spirit of God that is within. We are created in God's image and likeness; therefore, to lose contact with one's inner being is like losing contact with God the Creator. God speaks in many of ways. Sometimes through the voice of a child, and other times God speaks through the voice of strangers. When we are ready to listen, we will hear God speaking to us in the many different ways.



Chaplain (Maj.) Wilbert Harrison  
Deputy Post Chaplain

The Psalmist writes in Psalm 46:10, 11 "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress." By contemplating, listening and reflecting on God we come to have peace. If you are listening to God, He is eager to direct and guide you through every matter that concerns you. The assurance that God is with us gives us hope in the midst of whatever challenge we face in life. No matter what season of the year, God is here to listen.

So, the next time you are out fishing, golfing, jogging or swimming, take a few moments to listen to your inner self.

You will be surprised to hear what God has in store for you.

### Korean War 50 years ago: truce signing delay

BY JIM CALDWELL  
TRADOC NEWS SERVICE

July 24-29

The United Nations Command expected the truce would be signed on July 24, but unforeseen snags developed. Maps of the line of demarcation and the DMZ had to be printed and then agreed upon by both sides. Work on the building where the signing ceremony is to be held isn't finished, and the communists insist on detailed plans for how the ceremony will be held. So the ceremony was rescheduled for July 27.

During the delay communist military forces attack U.N. forces all along the line of contact. The actions made no sense because most of the objectives were within the area that would become the DMZ. They would have to vacate it anyway.

All the fighting did was cause unnecessary casualties and needlessly kill people on both sides, and most of the attacks were repelled.

The 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st

Marine Division is on line in I Corps. They have outposts close to the Nevada complex of outposts that was the scene of bloody fighting in May.

Four Marines from the 2nd Battalion have already earned the Medal of Honor during the war. A fifth will earn it on July 25.

Sgt. Ambrosio Guillen is NCO in charge of F Company's rapid reaction platoon. If the enemy attacks the outposts, his platoon will reinforce them.

The Chinese attack comes around 9 p.m.

Guillen pushes his platoon across the terrain between the main line of resistance and the outpost, yelling at them to ignore the mortar shells falling around them. When they reach the besieged outpost, Guillen places his men on line.

During the fighting he exposes himself to direct the Marines' fire. Several times he moves across open ground to pull wounded Marines to safety and give them first aid.

The Chinese pull back and the fighting appears to be over. Then the Chinese come

back, reinforced and fighting so fiercely that they break through into bunkers and trenches.

Guillen gathers the Marines around him and they go down the trench to kill the Chinese. They run into them and exchange shots at close range, and bayonet against bayonet clangs add to the noise.

Guillen receives a fatal wound. A Marine tries to pull him to cover, and Guillen orders him to help get the enemy out of the outpost.

Savage close quarters fighting rages for about 15 minutes before the Marines oust the Chinese. However, the enemy continues the attack for about two more hours.

Guillen is almost gone by that time, and he dies from loss of blood before his men can get him to an aid station.

His posthumous Medal of Honor will be presented to his family Aug. 18, 1954.

Guillen is the last American to earn the Medal of Honor in the Korean War.

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*From left to right, Cpl. David Devine, Sgt. Orlando Jarrett, Spc. Samnang Ith, Sgt. Jerome Coleman and Sgt. Clayton Bowen of the All-American Chorus, 82nd Airborne Division, perform for the 135-member audience at the 228th Army Chaplain's Corps birthday celebration July 29 at the Fort Monroe Club.*

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there are four words that are recited like a commander's incantation to make things better –



**Brig. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks**

'go see the chaplain.'

"You're there to share in the hardships and the dangers,' Brooks said. "You're there to provide a listening ear – to hear the fears and concerns of soldiers deployed and also of the families left behind, and even ... and even ... the fears and concerns of the commander. You're there for us too."

Unlike other members of the clergy, chaplains "carry the warrior's spirit," Brooks also said. That in itself makes them unique, he noted.

"And you're there in the worst of circumstances – when our soldiers and our warriors fall," the general said. "You're there when the notifications are made and you provide comfort and solace yet again, just

like you did at the beginning of the warriors' journey.

"There can be no higher calling in life than the calling you have answered," Brooks concluded.

Other highlights among the evening's festivities included a performance by the All-American Chorus of the 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, N.C. Singing classic pop favorites like "My Girl" and "Under the Boardwalk," they also provided brief bouts of levity as members broke into dance – only to have others wrestle them back into line.

Soloist Judy Wiseman was the last performer of the evening, offering a song titled "You Are My Hero," which she dedicated to the "spirit of the chaplain's corps."

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still be able to use it. Discounts for club members at other MWR facilities will no longer be offered, however.

To help customers better understand the situation that "forced MWR's hand" as far as conversion, MacGillivray made reference to guidance that came down from Department of Army that was "direct and specific."

"Any club that had lost more than \$50,000 over the past two and a half years – and our club had – would have to be justified to the MWR Executive Committee – that's all four-stars," he said. "Col. Allmendinger took a hard look at what we were doing and came to the conclusion that the club, as a 'club,' was past it's time.

"So we're downscaling the club piece to what customers can actually support," MacGillivray said. "And, yes, I realize there's always going to be that perception that we're taking away a benefit, but

we're not. We're changing our offering to what customers really want."

Along the same line, MacGillivray emphasized customer input is just as valuable now as always. He's not particularly enamored with the converted club's title, "Community Center Annex," for instance, and would like to hear ideas for a new name. He's also hoping users will openly share their thoughts on the catering and conference facility operations.

"One big item, I know, will be audiovisual support," he said. "We can't offer that now, but we would certainly be interested in knowing if that's something we should offer and how we'd pay for it."

For future planning purposes, MacGillivray detailed various features of the building's conference areas. With all wall dividers in place, four meetings can be conducted simultaneously. Undivided, the main conference area can seat up to 500 people. The building has also

been wired with high-speed fiber optic cable, and each of the rooms are equipped with Ethernet connections.

Conference rooms are available to all tenant organizations. Official functions will take precedence over unofficial events. Sponsoring organizations are responsible for room setup unless arrangements are made with catering for that service.

For both conference and catering, MacGillivray said customers can begin coordination of events – even those taking place after the conversion – now. He also emphasized that all existing catering contracts will still be honored.

All conference coordination is handled by Don Houchins, 788-2406 or houchinsd@monroe.army.mil. Catering can also be arranged via email: catering@monroe.army.mil. Those who want to contribute ideas for additional annex offerings can contact MacGillivray at macgillr@monroe.army.mil.

# Cadet Command welcomes Thrasher

**BY PAUL KOTAKIS**  
CADET COMMAND PAO

In a colorful ceremony in historic Continental Park, Maj. Gen. Alan W. "Bud" Thrasher assumed command of U.S. Army Cadet Command on July 31.

The ceremony, hosted by Lt. Gen. Dennis D. Cavin, commanding general of Accessions Command, marked the conclusion of Maj. Gen John T.D. Casey's tenure as commanding general of Cadet Command.

Cadet Command is the parent organization of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps program. As its new commander, Thrasher has responsibility for the operation of the largest officer-producing program in the armed forces. His duties also include supervision of all high school level Army ROTC programs around the globe.

During the ceremony marking his assumption of command Thrasher said: "I feel honored and proud to join the Cadet Command team.



**Maj. Gen. Alan Thrasher**

"I know of no greater honor than to be a part of this leadership team which touches the lives of each and every cadet and has a significant impact on the future leaders of our Army. We all have the awesome responsibility to select, develop, and commission the best leaders that will lead our objective force warriors this decade and for many more decades to come."

Thrasher, 53, was commissioned as a second lieutenant of Field Artillery through the Army ROTC program at North Georgia College. He comes to Cadet Command from U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command where he served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Developments. He and his wife Ann are the proud parents of two daughters, Angela and Jackie.

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# News clips

## Kid's day tomorrow

Children will meet the incredible Hulk and a host of other characters at Fort Monroe's Kid's Day, beginning at 10 a.m. on Aug. 2. Children can play on an obstacle course, become part of a parade, win prizes or play games inside the moat on the parade field. There will also be static displays and information concerning the well being of children and families.

Volunteers are needed to operate games, assist in monitoring activities, and performing other duties as necessary. To volunteer, call Deborah Williams at 788-3993.

## Town hall meeting — Aug. 19

Col. Perry Allmendinger, post commander, will be the host at a community town hall meeting Aug. 19 in the Community Activities Center from 6:30-8 p.m. Representatives from post directorates will participate.

Child care is available at the Child Development Center (Bldg. 245) for those attending the meeting. Care will be available from 6:15 p.m. until the meeting ends. There is no cost for the care, but parents must make reservations by

calling 788-5960 not later than Aug. 15. Parents must provide proof of all required immunizations.

For more information, call Paul Heilman at 788-3737.

## Ed center fall courses

Registration and term dates for schools offering courses on Fort Monroe:

□ Troy State University registration ends Aug. 3 for classes meeting Aug. 4 to Oct. 12. The Troy State representative visits the Fort Mon-

roe Education Center on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

□ Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) registration ends Aug. 25 for classes meeting Aug. 25 to Dec. 5. The FIT representative visits the Fort Monroe Education Center on Mondays from 8:30 to 11a.m.

□ St. Leo University is currently registering students for classes meeting Aug. 18 to Oct. 11. They are offering two courses on Fort Monroe from Aug. 18 to Oct. 11 which are: PSY 121, Introduction

to Psychology, Mondays and Thursdays, noon to 1:20; MGT 331, Management of Human Resources, Fridays, 5 to 10:30 p.m. (the prerequisite is MGT 301, Principals of Management).

Returning students may register by eLion or by emailing beth.carter@saintleo.edu.

New students may register by calling 766-1812/1814 (St. Leo at Langley Air Force Base) for an appointment. St Leo accepts both military and civilian students.

## Music under the Stars to feature cannons, fireworks Aug. 7



Photo by Wes Anderson

**Cannons light up the Chesapeake Bay during an "1812 Overture Gala" at a past concert.**

Join the U.S. Continental Army Band in its 69th season every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Continental Park.

Upcoming shows:

**Aug. 7** — "1812 Overture Gala," with the West Point Hellcats, fireworks and live cannons. (Rain date Aug. 8.)

**Aug. 14** — "Old Comrades" alumni concert.

**Aug. 21** — Espirit de Corps celebrating the Noncommissioned Officer

**Aug. 28** — Listener's Choice

For more information:

[www.tradoc.army.mil/band](http://www.tradoc.army.mil/band)

## 3X7 NCOA

## Post recycling center accepts more than paper

Moving? Have lots of boxes? The recycling center can help.

Recycle cardboard at post quarters and administrative offices. Rather than placing corrugated cardboard in the trash, recycle it through either the housing curbside recycling program or the post recycling center.

Corrugated cardboard, used for packing, storing and transporting goods, can be recycled if it is not contaminated with paint, oil, grease or food products.

Waxed cardboard cannot be accepted for recycling.

To recycle small amounts of cardboard at quarters, place flattened cardboard in paper grocery bags in or near blue collection bins. Curbside recycling pick up is on Tuesdays.

To recycle cardboard in administrative buildings, flatten and set it near white paper recycle bins.

People who are moving and need boxes, should contact the recycling center to see if any are available for reuse.

### Toner cartridge recycling

The post recycling center now accepts toner cartridges for all types of copiers, printers and fax machines.

Rather than place cartridges in the trash, recycle them.

Recycling empty toner cartridges helps reduce environmental waste

problems and the size of landfills.

In 1996, more than 70 percent of the 200 million ink and laser printer cartridges consumed in the United States were thrown away.

Each empty toner cartridge contains about three pounds of plastic and other solid waste material.

Cartridges are not biodegradable and present a burden to landfills. Empty cartridge cores are used to remanufacture premium cartridges.

Annually, over 40,000 tons of plastic and metal can be saved from landfills as a result of remanufacturing.

Another reason to recycle is to help Fort Monroe achieve the Pollution Prevention DoD Measure of Merit, which states that facilities must annually divert at least 40 percent of total waste by fiscal 2005.

Recycling also helps reduce dependance on foreign oil. Three quarts of oil are required to produce a new toner cartridge.

Labeled, empty toner cartridges should be placed in original manufacturers' or zip/lock plastic bags and dropped off at the post recycling center, building P-81.

Building P-81 is located off Eustis Lane, near Veterinary Services. Recycling center hours are Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Call 788-3166 or 788-2444 for more information.

# Nominees for Army Chief, Special Ops Cmd face senate hearing

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS DOUG SAMPLE  
AMERICAN FORCE PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON, July 29, 2003 — Nominees to lead two important leadership positions faced tough questions concerning present troops strength in Iraq, lengths of deployments and the stress those deployments are having on service members and their families today.

Retired Army General Peter J. Schoomaker and Lt. Gen. Bryan D. Brown testified during confirmation hearings July 29 with the Senate Armed Services Committee. Schoomaker is expected to become the next Army Chief of Staff, while Brown would head the U.S. Special Operations Command.

Schoomaker said he would travel to both Afghanistan and Iraq at the earliest possible date as a part of assessing the Army's size and commitments. "It's clear that my instincts tell me that there are things I need to look at," he said.

"I think that this isn't just an issue of end strength. It's an issue of fundamental organization," Schoomaker continued. "And the fact of the matter is we will be in Iraq a long time creating the environment there for it to be able to transition to the peace and the kind of stable nation that's able to operate within the kind of values we'd like to see it operate."

"And it's going to require a presence there. And that presence, I think, as you've seen, is going to start transitioning to other (nations') friends that will help us do that," he explained.

Schoomaker also told the committee that he expected the Army to face a demanding future. "We spent most of our lives sleeping on cardboard boxes and MRE (meals ready to eat) cases on cold, hard floors and dirt all over this world,

and spent a lot more days away from our beds than we spent in our beds, and our families have grown up doing this — and I'm talking about the two of us that are sitting up here. We're just like everybody else," he explained.

## Resilience of Army family

"The thing that has always amazed me is the resilience of the Army family and of soldiers when they face a tough challenge," Schoomaker said.

"And I bring this up because we cannot offer everybody certainty about what the future is. It's a very ambiguous future that we look into, and we ought to be very careful about what expectations we give people," he said. "And I think that the most difficult part of this is when we give people expectations that we can't meet, it makes it much more difficult than it does telling people that we have a tough job to do, and we are going to have to hang in here together to do it."

Schoomaker said he's "very confident from my own experience and from what I know about the great people we've got in the Army, that our soldiers and their families continue to be very dedicated servants to this nation, and I think that we can work this and we can sort it, and I think we will continue to get great service from them."

## Special operations forces

Brown touched on increasing the numbers of special operations troops to meet worldwide commitments. He noted that operations in Afghanistan and Iraq called for the largest-ever deployment of special operations forces. "At one time we had over 14,000 SOF folks deployed out of a force structure of about 47,000. So SOF was integral on this battlefield."

He said the "No. 1 lesson learned and the most important thing about both Afghanistan and Iraq" was that it proved the saying in special operations that "humans are more important than hardware. And it proved again that the ability to attract, recruit, assess, train and retain special operating forces ... is critical to the success of SOF on this battlefield and any other one."

Brown said he thought the standing request for 5,100 more special operations forces "looks good."

"I can tell you that the performance of the special operations forces that you've seen today and that all of us are so proud of is a return on an investment of over a quarter-century of transformation of those forces," noted Schoomaker, whose last active-duty job was to head Special Operations Command.

## Transformation efforts

He told the committee he would continue transformation efforts throughout the Army based on efforts by his predecessors. "I think on my watch I'm going to have to stand on their shoulders as we go forward and do the kinds of things that I can bring to the table on it. So it's a long-term thing," he noted.

He observed that he thinks about transformation as "always in motion" by both current and future forces. "Where we're working the hardest is at the intersection, the overlap of those two, where we are bringing technologies and we're bringing concepts and we're bringing organizations and doctrine together to get the most out of our current force and leverage the kinds of things that we see as we go to the future and

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# Summer series sizzle continues with Sara Evans

BY PATRICK BUFFETT  
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

Still abuzz over its highly successful “Fourth at the Fort” concert featuring Kellie Coffey and Tracy Byrd, Fort Monroe plans to continue working country music magic with an Aug. 16 show featuring platinum-album-artist Sara Evans and new RCA Record singing sensation Aaron Lines.

Free and open to the public, the event is being held at Walker Airfield along Fenwick Road on post. Concert goers can begin arriving as early as 5 p.m. The performances are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. for Lines and 9 p.m. for Evans. Guests



Sara Evans

will not be allowed to bring coolers, food or beverages into the concert area.

Motorists are reminded that Mercury Bridge will be closed from Aug. 14 to 18 for the Hampton Cup Regatta. However, Ingalls Gate will remain open for vehicles of residents and people who work on Fort Monroe with DoD stickers only. McNair Gate will be open for all event and non-resident traffic. All visitors 18 and older will need to present a picture ID to gain access to the installation.

“It’s good to know that big name acts like these can be brought into a relatively small venue like Fort Monroe,” said Wes Anderson, a post photo lab employee who attended the Independence Day show with his wife, Pat. “The music was great and we look forward to seeing more shows like Tracy Byrd.”

Post fitness center employee Jon Pearlman, also in attendance at the early July performance, described Fort Monroe as an “excellent venue” for an open-air concert. Highlighting the fact that it was free, he said the performances “make for a great family outing.”

The Aug. 16 event will begin with messages of love as 24-year-old Lines belts out tunes from his debut album *Aaron Lines, Living Out Loud* released in January. Among the album’s selections is a song titled “You Can’t Hide Beautiful,” with words that, according to Lines, describe exactly what many guys want to say to their girlfriends

or wives. The video for the song reached number one on CMT’s Top 20 Video Countdown.

“I am a total sucker for love songs, always have been,” Lines admitted in his RCA website biography. “I believe in it – in its ability to bring joy and happiness, to heal, to transform and inspire, to effect change.”

Lines’ performances are also rounded out with uplifting songs like “Livin’ Out Loud,” a tune he co-wrote to describe his determination to “give it his all and go for it.” Lines also co-wrote “Turn It Up,” a song he described as a “joyful description of everyday sounds that bring simple happiness.”

As the evening transitions to nightfall, Sara Evans takes the stage and fans can expect a second high-energy show featuring songs from her latest album *Sara Evans Restless*. Her RCA biography describes the work as “a collection of songs that takes (Evans) up yet another notch.”

“Backseat of a Greyhound Bus,” the album’s leadoff single, is a celebration of life from the point of view of an unwed mom. “To Be Happy” is a wish for universal good will. “Suds in the Bucket” is a “down-home” romp that twangs a humorous tale of impulsive teenage love.

Country fans will also recognize Evans’ earlier hits from albums like *Born to Fly*, which shot to the top of the music charts at the end of 2000. The album’s ballad “I Could Not Ask for More” followed it to the top in the Spring of 2001. Then “Saints and Angels” emerged as the collection’s third hit.

Evans was the most nominated



Aaron Lines

artist at the 2001 Country Music Association Awards. She won Female Vocalist of the Year, as well as album, single, song and video of the year for *Born to Fly*. That led to a tour with superstars Alan Jackson, George Strait and Kenny Chesney. Additionally, she participated in the landmark “Girls Night Out” tour of 2001 with Reba McEntire, Martina McBride, Carolyn Dawn Johnson and Jamie O’Neal.

In case of severe weather, the concert will be cancelled.

For more information about the concert, call 788-3151.

## Iraqi Die-hards number about 5,000

BY JIM GARAMONE  
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS  
SERVICE

DOHA, Qatar, July 28, 2003 — A U.S. Central Command official estimates the number of anti-coalition forces in Iraq to number between 4,000 and 5,000.

The official spoke on background at the Central Command Forward headquarters here July 27. The backgrounder followed a meeting with Joint Chiefs Chairman, Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers. Myers is traveling to the “heart of Baathdom” in Tikrit, Iraq - Saddam Hussein’s home-

town.

The number of Iraqis fighting against the coalition is, at best, an estimate. The official said the guess takes into consideration the various different “actions” going on in Iraq.

“Iraq is more than a guerilla war,” said a senior CENTCOM official. “It is a low-intensity conflict where you have to fight terrorists, you have to fight guerrillas, you have to fight criminals and you have to achieve stability. It’s a multifaceted effort, and most of the country is stable.”

(See IRAQI, Page 19)



## Special day for special kids ...

*Mariah and Marchaun Browning, daughter and son of Post Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Browning, were among the youngsters enjoying a free day at the amusement park during USO-Kings Dominion Day June 30. The annual event benefits special needs and chronically ill children of all services.*

## NOMINEES

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organize ourselves and think appropriately about the kinds of things that we’re going to be asked to do. And so it’s a daunting challenge and it’s one that, you know, is not going to happen over a weekend.”

Schoomaker said one of the first things discussed between him and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld was the reported tension between DoD and the former Army leadership.

“I’m convinced, through our discussions and our subsequent dealings, that we have an open and candid dialogue and that we have come to an arrangement where we can agree to disagree and at the same time understand what the chain of command is,” he explained. “And, I’m very comfortable that he’s going to hold to his word, and I know I’ll hold to mine.”

Schoomaker’s active duty career extended over 31 years.

Since retiring in 2000, he has been both teaching and mentoring within the Army, including being on the adjunct faculty at the School for Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Brown is currently the deputy commander of the United States Special Operations Command.

## 5X10 Pep Boys



# Migratory Bird Treaty Act protects many species of birds here

Fort Monroe is a bird sanctuary. Because of its location, there is a diverse and abundant bird population. Of the 411 species of birds known in Virginia, 217 are found in this area. Of these, 68 species use the area as their breeding grounds.

Nests are everywhere on post; and, unfortunately, some may be a nuisance. Birds will nest in light fixtures, under eaves, in chimneys, and especially on, under or in air conditioning units. And, as much of an aggravation as the birds or nests might create, they must be left alone.

It's not just being bird-friendly, it's the law. Practically every bird on Fort Monroe and in North America is protected in some way. The

Migratory Bird Treaty Act prohibits disturbing the birds, their young and their nests. Violation of this Federal law is a criminal offense. About the only birds on the installation not protected are house sparrows, starlings and pigeons. Every other bird is protected, even crows and mallards.

Mill Creek is a favorite habitat for many birds, including Great Blue Herons, osprey and all types of ducks and waterfowl. Several pairs of American Kestrels live at Dog Beach.

One of the more prominent species found on Fort Monroe is the Yellow-Crowned Night Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*).

These large birds visit the instal-

lation from early March to late July or August. They are found in the tall trees along Ingalls Road, Fenwick Road, and within the historic fort. Their nests are large, appearing to be a pile of haphazardly thrown-together sticks.

Hérons nest in colonies, and during the spring you can usually see several of them in a tree at one time. They tend to nest in trees that overhang sidewalks, confusing the sidewalks with streams where they prefer to nest. Post's close proximity to Mill Creek and the Chesapeake Bay provide excellent feeding grounds for the herons, and the trees provide the perfect habitat for their colonies.

Many people find the presence of the heron colonies offensive and consider them pests. Due to their size, their excrement is rather large and can cover the sidewalk. In addition, they feed their young by regurgitation, so the area on the ground under their nests can become quite unpleasant.

Yellow-Crowned Night Herons are a protected species under the



Yellow-Crowned Night Heron

Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which prohibits disturbing the birds, their young and their nests in any way. Violation of this Act is a criminal offense and can result in a fine or imprisonment.

For more information, call Grady Wesson at 788-5364.

*(Information courtesy of post environmental office)*

## Two National Guard brigades deploying to Iraq next year

BY MASTER SGT. BOB HASKELL

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, July 28, 2003) - Two brigades from the Army National Guard, totaling 10,000 soldiers, will deploy to Iraq next year to support two active Army divisions earmarked to replace troops now engaged in Operation Iraqi Freedom next year, the Army has announced.

The 30th Infantry Brigade from North Carolina and the 39th Infantry Brigade from Arkansas have been alerted and “may participate in the Army unit rotation plan for Operation Iraqi Freedom,” the Army announced July 26.

The two brigades are part of the Army's plan to replace units that are anxious to return to their homes after leading coalition forces to victory over the regime of Saddam Hussein and to maintain the force required to stabilize that country.

“We intend to alert, mobilize, train and deploy for 6-month operations, then re-deploy,” said Gen. Jack Keane, the acting Army chief of Staff, during a briefing to reporters July 23. “The entire deployments from alert to redeployment and return to home station will last a year.”

The 30th Brigade would be augmented with an infantry battalion from the Army Guard's 27th Infantry Brigade of New York. A battalion from the Oregon Army National Guard's 41st Infantry Brigade will augment the 39th Brigade, it was further explained.

One brigade would deploy with

the 1st Cavalry Division sometime between February and April of 2004 to replace the 1st Armored Division that is currently serving around Baghdad. The other brigade would deploy with the 1st Infantry Division sometime during March or April to replace the 4th Infantry Division that is serving in northern Iraq.

The two Guard brigades would be replaced by two other Army Guard enhanced separate brigades “based on the needs of the theater,” Keane said.

Seven of the nine Army and Marine division- and brigade-size elements that have fought in Iraq this year will be replaced during the second rotation beginning in September, Keane explained.

The intent of the National Guard brigades deploying is to sustain the level of forces that Gen. John Abizaid, the U.S. Central Command's commander, needs to continue operations in Iraq and to instill predictability so that tours of duty for all soldiers there last no longer than 12 months, Keane added.

Ground forces in Iraq currently total 156,400, including 133,300 members of the active Army, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. Another 34,000 Army troops are in Kuwait.

All told, 15 of the Army Guard's 45 battalions from the enhanced separate brigades have been deployed overseas during this fiscal year that began last October, and 74,551 of the Army Guard's soldiers (See NATIONAL GUARD, Page 19)

3x10 USAA



# Army announces changes in 12-month, skill-based Stop Loss

On July 1, Reginald J. Brown, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, approved partially lifting Stop Loss for 22 of 24 selected officer specialties and enlisted specialties subject to the Army's all component 12-Month, Skill-Based Stop Loss Program.

The decision to execute a fourth partial lift of Stop Loss will affect about 1,200 Active Army, 970 Army Reserve and 975 National Guard soldiers between now and January 2004. These soldiers, as they begin their transition from the Army, will be provided sufficient time to complete transition/career counseling processing and demobilization activities for Ready Reserve soldiers. Personnel strength managers from all Army components will regulate separation dates to ensure no adverse impact on Army-wide readiness.

The following officer and warrant specialties and enlisted Military Occupational Specialties for Active Army and Ready Reserve Soldiers subject to the all component 12-Month, Skill-Based Stop Loss will no longer be subject to Stop Loss:

**Officer Specialties:** 30 Information Operations, 34 Strategic Intelligence, 35 Military Intelligence, 45A Comptroller, 48G Foreign Area Officer (Mideast/North Africa), 51C Contract and Industrial Management.

## Post Employee of the Month for July

**Name:** Van Runals  
**Directorate:** DCFA/  
Fortress Frame and  
Craft Shop  
**Job/position and  
duties:** recreation  
assistant (framer)  
**How long at current  
assignment:** 3.5 yrs.  
**How long in  
govt./military ser-  
vice:** 3.5 yrs  
**Where do you live:**  
Smithfield



Van Runals

**Family:** married with four young adult "children," two married and three grandchildren  
**Outside activities:** crafts, furniture refinishing, reading and Bible study  
**Accomplishments:** My best, most fun and hardest accomplishment has been raising four super, diverse kids.  
**Goals:** My goals are to enjoy my grandbabies, watch my children grow and develop on their life journeys, spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and glorify God in my life.

**Warrant Officer Specialties:** 152C OH-6 Scout Pilot, 153D, UH-60 Pilot, 154C CH-47D Pilot, 311A, CID Special Agent, 351B, Counter Intelligence Technician, 351E Human Intelligence Collection Technician.

**Enlisted Soldier Military Occupational Specialties:** 52E Prime Power Production Specialist, 74B Information Systems Operator, 95B

Military Police, 95C Correctional Specialist, 95D CID Special Agent, 96B Intelligence Analyst, 97B Counter Intelligence Agent, 97E Human Intelligence Collector, 97L Translator, 98G Voice Interceptor.

Brown approved four increments of Stop Loss in support of Operations Noble Eagle and (See STOP LOSS, Page 16)

2X4 National Mortgage

# NCO blazes career path with top award

*Winners 'extremely confident' during competition*

**BY PATRICK BUFFETT**  
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

Sgt. Derrick Brown is a walking commercial for career success.

"If you really want to get ahead in the Army, you need to do a lot more than just your job," the 24-year-old desk sergeant with Fort Monroe's 233rd Military Police Detachment advised. "You have to truly know those things that made you a soldier, and show that, over time, you're developing the skills you need to lead others."

Good take ... that's a wrap, as they say in the television business.

Combine Brown's healthy attitude with the fact that he hasn't even reached the end of his first term of enlistment, and you'll get an inkling why he came out on top during the post's recent NCO of the Year competition.

Brown, along with Fort Monroe Soldier of the Year, Spc. James Barrientes, were described by 1st Sgt. Pablo Diaz, one of competition's evaluators, as "extremely confident" in comparison with other competitors.

"Their attitude was one of not being challenged by the questions ... they had their 'game face' on," Diaz said. "That comes from long hours of studying and just plain confidence in their knowledge."

Brown's Army spokes-model persona is further evolved with his explanation of why he chose to compete for NCO of the Year. The reasons can be summed up in three words: promotion, reputation and tradition.

"Someday when I'm going for E-7, the selection board is going to look at my records and see that bullet that says 'he competed' or 'he won,'" Brown said, his unmistakable accent proclaiming his hometown — Boston. "That's a large



Photo by Patrick Buffett

***Sgt. Derrick Brown answers a call July 22 as Spc. Jamar Headen looks on.***

part of what it's really all about. It's that one more positive thing that stays in your record for as long as you're in the Army."

***"There's that realization that you're not satisfied with being an average soldier. A good leader respects that."***

Beyond that, Brown said, is the perception of supervisors and leaders in the competing soldier's chain of command. "Regardless of whether you win or lose, they just look at you and talk to you differently. There's that realization that you're not satisfied with being an average soldier. A good leader respects that."

Seemingly beyond his Army experience level — he was a high school graduate just entering the

service not much more than four years ago — Brown also described soldier boards in general as a decades old tradition that "brings wellness" to an organization. "Soldiers thrive on the opportunity to compete — to show knowledge of their job and basic skills. It's just great for morale."

As the script presumably running in Brown's mind transitioned to the NCO/Soldier of the Year competition itself, he summed up the overall experience as an "excellent opportunity" to demonstrate CTT skills that aren't always put in practice in a garrison environment like Fort Monroe.

Unlike monthly and quarterly competitions, which are usually limited to a comparatively brief appearance before a board, the three-day NCO/Soldier of the Year competition is expanded to include a PT test, negotiating a land navigation course, a hands-on test of common tasks like first aid as well as the typical board appearance.

"I like to be competitive, so it was

no problem with me," Brown said, also making note of his seven or eight previous monthly and quarterly board appearances both here and at his former duty station in Germany. "Don't get me wrong, I was nervous as hell, but you take it one event at time, one day at a time, and you get through it."

Brown's win here earned him a spot in the U.S. Army Accessions Command NCO/Soldier of the Year competition conducted several weeks ago at Fort Jackson, S.C. Again, he faced a multi-task challenge — to include another PT test and land navigation course — over a period of three days, but there was one additional obstacle.

"We had this reception dinner the first day, and everybody was in civilian clothes so I really didn't know who was competing for what," Brown said. "Toward the end, everyone got a list of instructions and competitors names, and I looked down to see my name, then SFC, SFC, SFC. I had a few mixed emotions at that moment."

Noting how the event organizers could have made it tough on him to show he wasn't ready to be there, Brown said they were "totally fair," and he described the overall event as "one of the best experiences a soldier could have." Ultimately named a "runner up," Brown again returned to his mental teleprompter to reflect on the merits of simply participating.

"It builds confidence and better communication skills," he said. "And I'm very proud to have been given the opportunity to represent not only my detachment but all of Fort Monroe."

"You also walk away from it realizing you were placed on the same level as some of the best NCOs in the Army," Brown said. "There's no way you can look at it from that standpoint and not be completely satisfied."

## Band member blows away soldier competition

**STORY AND PHOTOS BY PATRICIA RADCLIFFE**  
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

**T**his year's post Soldier of the Year is Spc. James Barrientes. He is a member of The U.S. Continental Army Band and is only 16 months into his first enlistment. "Dependable and tenacious" are two of the qualities attributed him by Sgt. 1st Class John Peabody, Barrientes' former NCOIC.

Barrientes "constantly practices ... every day, even during his off hours; he strives to be more than just qualified for his job, and he continually seeks self improvement," Peabody said. "The good musicians are the ones who practice," he continued. It's very evident that he does. Barrientes was a featured soloist during TUSCAB's New England tour in March. He played Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto Arranged for Two Euphoniums and Band. And, "he was very well received on the tour," Peabody said.

At 34, Barrientes holds a master of fine arts in Euphonium and a bachelor of arts in Trombone and Composition from UCLA. He is a native of San Jose, Calif.

A career in music and service to his country are two factors that motivated Barrientes to join the Army. "Career advancement, to 'face the fear' and the challenge," said Barrientes, are the reasons he competed for SOY.

His advice for those who desire to be SOY is to study a lot. "Military bearing and confidence are most important and come from knowing the answers, not from cramming," he said. (Prospective SOYs are tested on information that is needed throughout an Army career.)

It is important "to be helpful and determined, serve and strive forward; and remem-

(See BAND MEMBER, Page 11)

***Spc. James Barrientes, with euphonium, practices with band members July 22.***





# NCOs, soldiers compete to be named TRADOC's best

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS REGINALD ROGERS  
TRADOC NEWS SERVICE

FORT MONROE, Va. (July 31, 2003) – A military correctional sergeant from Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and a human resource specialist from Fort Bliss, Texas are Training and Doctrine Command's NCO and Soldier of the Year for 2003.

Staff Sgt. Michael D. Mosca and Spc. Claudia Sida, both representing Combined Arms Command, were presented an Army Commendation Medal and a \$500 savings bond during the competition awards luncheon Thursday at the Fort Monroe Club. Mosca and Sida will also receive the assignment of their choice, according to competition officials.

Six active duty soldiers and noncommissioned officers participated in the second annual competition, which began Tuesday. In addition to Sida, the soldier of the year participants were: Spc. Alejandro I. Gentry, representing Redstone Arsenal, Ala., and the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command; and Spc. Carlos E. Morales, representing Fort Jackson, S.C., and the U.S. Army Accessions Command.

Competing alongside Mosca were: Sgt. 1st Class Larry W. Nawara, representing Fort Knox, Ky., and the Accessions Command; and Staff Sgt. Gildardo Calderon, Jr., also representing Redstone Arsenal and Combined Arms Support Command.

Only a portion of the competition was conducted at Fort Monroe. Those events included a 50-question written exam, an essay and a board appearance. Prior to coming here, each competitor also completed an Army Physical Fitness



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Reginald Rogers

**Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony J. Williams, TRADOC CSM, discusses proper poise while sitting before a soldier board with participants of the TRADOC NCO and Soldier of the Year Competition, which began Tuesday and concluded with an awards luncheon Thursday.**

Test, weapons qualification and Common Tasks Testing at their home station.

Scoring was based on a maximum 455 points for NCOs — with the board appearance worth 205 points (there are more questions for NCOs; each are worth five points). Non-board elements are worth 250 points total: written exam, maximum 50 points; essay, 50; APFT, 50; weapons qualification, 50; and CTT, 50. For soldiers, the same 250-point non-board breakdown applies, with a 200 points maximum score for their board appearance.

As a result of their win, Mosca, a native of Schuylerville, N.Y., and Sida, who hails from El Paso Texas, will also represent TRADOC at the Army's NCO and Soldier of the Year board Sept. 14-19 at Fort Lee, Va.

The pair also received a plaque and TRADOC commanding general and command sergeant major coins. Their names will also be placed on a perpetual plaque at TRADOC headquarters.

Runners up received a TRADOC plaque, plus CG and CSM coins. The remaining two competitors received CG and CSM coins.

# eCybermission still needs Army volunteers

BY JOE BURLAS

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, July 24, 2003) — With less than two months to go before teams start registering for this year's competition, eCybermission is still short of the number of adult volunteer "ambassadors" and "cyberguides" it needs to support its goal of 5,000 teams of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders.

Launched last fall, eCybermission is an Army-sponsored math, science and technology competition conducted online to encourage American youth interest in those subjects.

"In America, so many of the privileges and

comforts we enjoy were made possible through advances in math, in science, in engineering, and in the technologies they enable," former Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki said at the eCybermission kickoff ceremony last October. "From the automobile to the space shuttle, from the telegraph to the Internet, our progress has been marked by leadership and innovation in the disciplines of math, science and engineering. Incredibly, however, there seems to be decreasing interest in these subjects."

Specifically, eCybermission officials are looking for soldier, Army civilian or retiree volun-

teers to serve as ambassadors to promote the contest in their local middle schools and cyberguides to assist competitors conduct online research into their projects.

As of July 22, only 83 ambassadors and 23 cyberguides were signed up — well short of the 600 ambassadors and 80 cyberguides program officials hope to get before September, said Kate Sparrow, a senior consultant with eCybermission contractor Booz Allen Hamilton.

Rose Pesce Rodriguez, an Army civilian chemist with the Army Research Lab at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., got handed a list of 20 middle schools to contact about the competition when she completed eCybermission ambassador training last year. After contacting all 20, she went back for more — eventually contacting a total of about 100 middle schools before team registration closed.

One of those Maryland schools she contacted fielded a team that took second place in the regional competition this year.

Rodriguez said most of her contacts with the schools were 15- to 30-minute phone calls to science teachers, principals and other school administrators. In some cases, she visited schools and gave formal presentations about the eCybermission competition.

Admitting that science outreach to youth is a personal passion, Rodriguez said she really wanted to reach girls at a young age because by high school the opportunity to spark interest science is for most lost.

All eCybermission volunteers must successfully pass a National Agency Check and will receive training on their responsibilities prior to assuming ambassador or cyberguide duties.

To volunteer as an ambassador or cyberguide, visit [www.ecybermission.com](http://www.ecybermission.com), or e-mail [ambassadorprogram@eybermission.com](mailto:ambassadorprogram@eybermission.com).



**Spc. James Barrientes checks a measurement on his Class A's July 22.**

## BAND MEMBER

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ber that there aren't any challenges you can't overcome," Barrientes said. His goal is to be a member of the President's band (the United States Army Band at Fort Myer, Va. (Washington, D.C.).

Barrientes' favorite musical genre is jazz (which he plays on the trombone). "There isn't much jazz written for euphoniums," he said.

He began playing the euphonium in seventh grade and his most memorable performance took place while in high school. His high school band was the only one located west of the Mississippi River that was chosen to play at an anniversary celebration for the Statue of Liberty.

His wife, Shandra is also a musician. She plays flute and piano and teaches more than 20 students.



# Sports & Health

## Monroe youth qualifies for national fitness challenge

BY PATRICK BUFFETT  
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

DelChrisha Young is a role model of sorts. By staying active in sports and basic fitness activities, and simply having fun doing so, the 12-year-old has convinced others her age that there's more to summer vacation and other leisurely periods than watching television and playing video games.

Young has also set the example by earning a spot in the 2003 Fitness Authority National Decathlon, taking place Aug. 8-10 at the University of Miami; Coral Gables, Fla. According to event organizers, Young is the only military family member from the Hampton Roads area to qualify for the competition, which is limited to 48 participants — ages 10 to 18 — from across the nation.

"DelChrisha's energy is non-stop," said Fort Monroe youth sports and fitness director, Mike Jones. "And I think it has had an effect on the other kids who participate in our fitness program. They see what she's accomplished and realize what can come from that little extra effort. She's definitely motivational."

Young qualified for the nationals after a first-place showing at the southeast region Fitness Authority Heptathlon July 10-12 at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte. According to Jones, she broke three of the five scoring records established by her age group during the 2002 competition. Her jump-rope count was 371 in 2 minutes, where the old record stood at 324. Her 180 lateral hops in 1 minute was more than enough to surpass the old record of 165. She also contributed 60 sit-ups in a minute, beating the old record by five.

"Jump rope and lateral hops are my favorite," said Young, whose mom, Lela Young, works for TRADOC's DCSOPS&T. "I like the rhythm. I just find my zone and do as many as I can before the time runs out."

Despite her strong showing at regionals, Young said the thought of winning never entered

her mind during the competition. "All of us were just having fun. I really didn't care if I came in first, second or third," she said. "So I was a little surprised at the end."

Both Jones and Young said they're not planning anything out of the ordinary to prepare for the nationals, even though it promises a \$1,000 scholarship for top scorers in each age/gender category. "I'm just working up to the average scores that were achieved last time," Young said. "If I'm already at the level going into the competition, I know I can push myself even further when the time comes to compete."

"And I think I'm ready to go today," she added. "If I lose, I lose; if I win, I win — that's the way I look at it. I'm just happy that I'm getting the chance to compete."

As for what all this attention and qualifying for the nationals' means in the arena of future sports endeavors, Young proudly responded, "I think I'll make it to the Olympics some day." Naming Florence Griffith Joyner — aka "Flo Jo" — a triple gold medalist in the 1988 Olympics, as a role model, Young said she too would like to become a major competitor in track and field.

It's that sort of enthusiasm Jones hopes to maintain within Monroe youth sports. "It's what the Fitness Authority program is all about — getting kids moving, inspiring them to lead a more active lifestyle."

Today's youth are considered the most inactive generation in history, partly due to reductions in school physical education programs, according to the American Obesity Association, an organization dedicated to providing current information on obesity based on scientific research. Approximately 30 percent of children (ages 6 to 11) are overweight and 15 percent are obese, the AOA reports. For adolescents (ages 12 to 19), 30 percent are overweight and 16 percent are obese.

"The example DelChrisha is setting is so important," Jones said. "We're seeing more kids



Photo by Patrick Buffett

***DelChrisha Young, 12, whips out a few dozen jump rope repetitions, demonstrating the skill that got her into the 2003 Fitness Authority National Decathlon.***

who are treating their health and fitness level more seriously. Some want the opportunity to go where DelChrisha has gone this year. They're thinking, 'maybe if I work at it, I can also make that happen.'"



Photo by Patricia Radcliffe

***Cannonball! ... Austin Denney does a cannonball at the Bay-breeze pool July 28. The pool is located behind the Fort Monroe Club. It is open through Labor Day, Saturday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.***

### MWR

#### ***Softball standings as of July 31:***

1.	DCST	10-1
2.	Moat Dogs	9-3
3.	Warriors	9-4
4.	Cadet Command	5-6
5.	Band	4-5
6.	Renegades	4-6
7.	JTF-CS	2-9
8.	HLS	2-10

#### ***Cosmic bowling on post***

Fort Monroe's bowling center is offering "cosmic" bowling every Friday from 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$8 per person, which includes shoes and unlimited games. For more information call 788-2939.

### Sports Shorts

#### ***Wolves' youth sports***

The Tidewater Wolves are still taking registrations for football players and cheerleaders, ages 6-14, for the 2003 season.

Although the first day of practice began July 28, sign-ups are still being taken until teams are filled. Registration is \$80 per child, with an additional \$30 fund-raising fee per family. Cost includes all equipment. Practices will be held at the Bethel Manor Elementary School, Langley Air Force Base.

For more information, contact Football Commissioner Criszon Courtney at 867-9639.

#### ***Little Creek Regatta***

The 8th Annual Little Creek Regatta to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital will take place at Bay Point Marina in Norfolk Aug. 1 and 2.

Registration opens at 5:30 p.m. today, and will continue through Saturday. Fees include the Little Creek Cup and Chesapeake Bay Poker run — with a top prize of \$1,000. The Fishing for a Cure tournament offers an \$1,800 top prize. A complete listing of activities can be found at: [www.littlecreekregatta.org](http://www.littlecreekregatta.org). To register, or for more information, call 431-3132.



# Speedboats return to Monroe for 77th Hampton Cup

BY PATRICIA RADCLIFFE  
CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

This year marks the 77th Hampton Cup Regatta, which is hosting the World Inboard Hydroplane Championship Aug. 15, 16 and 17. Races begin at noon each day and end around 5 p.m.



*“Legend,” a boat driven by a 19 year-old, will be among the entries in the regatta.*

The first Regatta was held in 1926 on the Hampton River. As boats became faster — too fast to turn on the narrow river — the race was relocated to Mill Creek.

Boats travel 110 to 170 mph in this race. “It’s a real rush,” said Jason Browning. At 14, Jason is this year’s youngest driver. Also racing are his cousins Kasey, a two-year veteran at 15, and TJ a four-year veteran at 19. Terry Browning, Kasey and TJ’s father, will also be competing in this year’s race.

There should be a field of about 100 boats in 11 classes from all across North America. Access to the race is free, and pit passes are only \$5.

Other highlights of the weekend include a Hampton Roads model boat flotilla and a car club display. Sara Evans and Aaron Lines will be onboard with a country music concert starting a couple of hours after the Saturday races.

For race access, Stilwell Gate will be open to pedestrian traffic Aug. 15 to 17, 11 a.m. until close of Race Day (about 5 p.m.). All pedestrians must have a picture ID to

enter the post. Bicycles will be allowed entrance through Stilwell gate, but helmets are required for all cyclists, skateboarders and those with roller blades.

Participants of the Regatta — drivers, mechanics and event staff — are allowed to use ATV’s and golf carts to and from the pit area, Mercury Boulevard Bridge and the wash racks. The number of vehicle seats will determine the number of people allowed to occupy it (e.g., if there are two seats, only two people may ride in the vehicle).

Ingalls Gate will remain open for Fort Monroe residents’ and employees’ vehicles with DoD stickers. It is strongly recommended that only residents enter Ingalls Gate during the race days.

McNair gate will be open to traffic. Individuals pulling boats must use McNair gate. Traffic will be routed along Fenwick Road to designated parking areas at Walker

Airfield.

Two shuttle buses will run from Walker Airfield to Building 87 (main gate) with a stop at the pit area (adjacent to the PX) Aug. 15 to 17, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All coolers will be searched prior to boarding shuttle buses.

No weapons are allowed on post. Fort Monroe residents who plan to have non-DoD visitors during the race weekend should have them arrive prior to 11 a.m. Non-DoD visitors, 18 years or older, must have a picture ID to enter the installation.

Non-DoD visitors arriving after 11 a.m. will not be permitted to travel beyond designated routes (McNair and Fenwick Roads) unless escorted by a DoD ID cardholder.

Visitors arriving after 11 a.m., should enter via McNair Road and meet their hosts at a pre-arranged location along Fenwick Road to escort them to the hosts’ quarters.

## Area Runs

### ❑ Aug. 16 — CHIP/Healthy Families 5th Annual Run for the Children

**Place:** Chesapeake, corner of Greenbrier Parkway and Executive Boulevard.

**Start times:** 5K Race: 8 a.m.; Mile Walk/Run: 8:45 a.m.; and 50-yard Tot Trot: 9 a.m.

**Awards:** 5K: first three male and female overall and top three male and female in each age group; Mile Walk/Run: first place male and female; Tot Trot: t-shirt at registration and goody bag at the end of the race.

**Registration:** \$20 fee; 7 to 8 a.m. Aug. 16. (Packet Pickup Aug. 15, 5 to 7 p.m. at Chesapeake Lifestyle Center; 800 Battlefield Blvd.)

**T-shirts:** All entrants with paid registration fee.

**Phone:** Chesapeake Health Investment Program (CHIP) office at 543-9100.

### ❑ Aug. 23 — East Coast Surfing

**Championship’s 8K Race/1 Mile Fun Run**

**Place:** 5th Street Oceanfront; Virginia Beach

**Start time:** 8 a.m.

**Awards:** top five male and female overall; top

three masters male and female; top three in each age group; top two military; top two coed teams and top wheelchair male and female entrants.

**Registration:** \$20 each runner; \$10 each team member; and \$7 for Fun Run. Registration from 3 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 22 at tent at 6th Street on the Oceanfront.

**Tank tops:** Guaranteed for all paid-pre-registered runners.

**Phone:** Donald Stump at 286-1977; e-mail: events@surfecsc.com.

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# Moat Notes

## Around Post

### Friday's at the Fort

Join Fort Monroe every Friday for "Friday's at the Fort," from 5 to 9 p.m. Upcoming events are:

- **Aug. 1** — Mark Schilling DJ.
- **Aug. 8** — Dave Barton Acoustic Rock.

Both events are sponsored by the Fort Monroe Club. For more information, call 788-5656.

### Historical Society meeting

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Monroe will meet Aug. 6 at 11:30 a.m. at the Fort Monroe Club.

After a short business meeting, the group will go by bus to the Chapel of the Centurion for a special tour by retired Col. Stan Polonsky, former post engineer at Fort Monroe.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information contact David J. Johnson at 788-3935.

## Out and About

### Wine and Jazz Festival

An afternoon of wine tasting and jazz is planned for Aug. 2 during the "Romance on the River Wine & Jazz Festival" in downtown Hampton. The festival will be held at Mill Point Park (corner of Queens Way and Eaton Street) from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The event wraps up the Friday night Mill Point Summer Jazz series. Sample a variety of gourmet food vendors, or bring your own picnic basket and relax on the lawn.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate and include a complimentary tasting glass. For more information, call 727-1271.

### Relationship enrichment seminar

The Post Chaplain's Office is offering a free one-day Relationship Enrichment Seminar on Aug. 8 from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn (1815 West Mercury Boulevard) in Hampton. It is open to Fort Monroe soldiers, their spouses, and Department of Defense civilians assigned to Fort Monroe and their spouses.

Participants will enjoy a free continental breakfast, lunch and mid afternoon snack. To attend or for additional information, call 788-2611.

### Discount amusement park tickets

Paramount's Kings Dominion (Doswell, Virginia) is offering half priced tickets to military members and their dependents until the end of their 2003 season (Nov. 2). (The park is not open to the public on the following days: Sept. 27 and 28; and Oct. 4 and 5.)

During this "Salute to Heroes" promotion, admission to the park is just \$21. There is no limit on the number of tickets military members can purchase at this discounted price, and tickets can be purchased at all participating MWR ticket offices and recreational offices.

### Contraband memorial Aug. 9

The Contraband Historical Society is presenting its fifth annual Contraband Slaves' Memorial Celebration Aug. 9.

The day will include a parade from 11 a.m. to noon (where participants will march from the corner of Lincoln Street and Armistead Avenue to Mill Point Park via Queen's Way) and afternoon events at Town Point Park from 12:30 to 5 p.m. (including memorial services, a reenactment tribute, educational exhibits, fellowship and refreshments). For more information, call

727-9708, or e-mail: [contrabandsoc@aol.com](mailto:contrabandsoc@aol.com).

### Puppet workshop

To celebrate National Kids Day, the Children's Museum of Virginia will transform itself into a spectacular puppet workshop from noon to 5 p.m. Aug. 3.

Under the direction of the guild's expert puppet-makers, children will enjoy:

- Making string puppets, rod puppets, shadow puppets, and hand puppets.
- Watching puppet performances.
- Participating in a puppet parade.

The Children's Museum of Virginia is located at 221 High St. in Olde Towne Portsmouth. Admission is \$6 per person; children under 2 admitted free.

For more information, call 393-5258. A \$2 off discount coupon for Aug. 3 is available at: [www.childrensmuseumva.com](http://www.childrensmuseumva.com).

### Share-A-Haircut promotion

The Share-A-Haircut campaign kicks off its fifth year Aug. 1 at all Hair Cuttery salons.

During the two-week campaign (ending Aug. 15), all children who participate — those giving and receiving — will get the latest "must-have" looks that they really want. For more information, stop by any Hair Cuttery Salon.

### Lecture on air power in Gulf War

The Virginia War Museum (9285 Warwick Blvd.; Newport News) will host guest lecturers retired Air Force Maj. Richard Hoffeditz, and retired Air Force Maj. Michael Neulander on Aug. 9 at 1 p.m. The featured speakers will recall their experiences during the first Gulf War, including information about target selection from a B-52 navigator.

The lecture is included with regular admission to the museum, which is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children ages 7 to 18. For more information, call 247-8523.

### APVA fund-raiser Aug. 9

The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, Yorktown Branch will hold its summer fund-raiser and garden party at the home of James and Betty Baumgardner Aug. 9 at 6 p.m.

APVA funds are used to preserve books of deeds from the office of the Clerk of the Courts in York County from the 1700's. These copies are essential for use by researchers and others interested in the unique history of York County, which has some of the oldest court records still surviving in America.

For more information, contact Nancy Lee Clark at 599-5203.

### Air and Space Center seeks volunteers

New volunteer orientation and training begins Aug. 16 at the Virginia Air and Space Center. New volunteers will focus mainly on current exhibits and the new Adventures in Flight gallery, scheduled to open this fall.

Weekday and weekend adult volunteers are needed to serve as docents and tour guides. Volunteer benefits include a 10 percent discount in the Museum Store, invitations to volunteer appreciation events, Center membership upon completion of 100 volunteer hours and more.

Volunteer schedules are flexible. For more information, call 727-0900, ext. 735.

### Sherlock at Lee Hall Mansion

Visit Lee Hall Mansion on Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. and journey into the world of Sherlock Holmes as "Dr. Watson" talks of his life and adventures

with the great detective during the one-act play, "Good Night, Mr. Sherlock Holmes."

Cost for the event is \$15 per person and reservations are required. Lee Hall Mansion is located at 163 Yorktown Road; Newport News.

For more information, call 888-3371.

### Dolphin boat tours at VMSM

The Virginia Marine Science Museum is offering two-hour dolphin watching boat trips daily through Sept. 1 (Monday to Friday at 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays at 4 p.m.).

See bottlenose dolphins in their natural habitat and learn about the museum's research and work with local dolphin populations. Tickets for the excursions are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children (ages 1 to 11).

For more information, or for reservations, call 437-BOAT (2628).

### Sandy Bottom Park programs

Join Hampton's Department of Parks and Recreation at the Sandy Bottom Nature Park (1255 Big Bethel Road) during Aug. for the following programs:

□ **Kids' Fishing** — Aug. 2, 10 to 11:30 a.m. — children 15 and under can explore the basics of fishing while learning about different types of bait and how to bait their own hook. Fishing safety, techniques and secrets (including where to catch the biggest fish) will be taught. Bring your own pole, or borrow one from the park. This program fills up quickly, and is limited to 15 participants. Cost is \$2 per child, and an adult must accompany all children. (There is no charge for adults.)

□ **Canoeing for Families** — Aug. 8, 6:30 to 8 p.m. — Enjoy calm water and a beautiful sunset over Crystal Lake. A park ranger will teach basic paddle strokes and canoe terminology; canoe safety will be stressed and all equipment will be provided. The class is limited to nine canoes, each with space for 2 to 3 people. One person in each canoe must be 16 or older. Cost is \$2 per participant, and everyone is asked to bring water to drink and bug spray.

□ **Tree Talk for Kids** — Aug. 9, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. — Walk with a park naturalist and learn to identify about a dozen common trees at the park. Class is limited to 15 children, who must be

## At the Movies

Showing at the  
**Langley Air Force Base Theater:**

*Friday, August 1*  
**7 p.m. — Alex and Emma (PG-13)**

*Saturday, August 2*  
**2 p.m. — The Hulk (PG-13)**  
**7 p.m. — Justin to Kelly (PG)**

*Friday, August 8*  
**7 p.m. — 28 Days Later (R)**

*Saturday, August 9*  
**2 p.m. and 7 p.m. —**  
**Charlie's Angels (PG-13)**

*All movies at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted*  
*Adults — \$2; Children 6 - 12 years old — \$1.50;*  
*and Children under 6 — free .*

*(If a child under 6 occupies a seat at a G-rated movie, admission is \$1.50)*

*\* Special movie showings are available.\**

Contact John Low at 766-1237; or  
[LowJ@aafes.com](mailto:LowJ@aafes.com) for details.



accompanied by an adult.  
Meet for all programs at the Nature Center.  
For more information, or to make reservations for a program, call 825-4657.

**Information technology briefing**

Jackie Rustigian, Director of Human Capital Management, Department of Army Chief Information Office (G-6), will brief Information Technology staffs from Forts Monroe, Eustis and Lee at the Fort Eustis Post Theater 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Aug. 5. She will discuss the Information Technology Management Career Program 34, “Managing Human Capital for the ITM Workforce.”

This briefing is open to all local CP 34 Army careerists. The POC is Jeanne Herrmann, NE RCIO, DSN 680-2485.

**Printmaking workshop**

The Courthouse Galleries in Portsmouth will hold an encaustic printmaking workshop from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 9.  
All materials will be provided, including hot plates, colored wax sticks, and paper. Partici-

pants need only bring rags and their own lunch.  
Space will be limited to 12. The workshop costs \$75 per person. Members of the Portsmouth Museums receive a discounted rate of \$70. The workshop will be held on the second floor of the Museum’s Administration Building at 420 High Street.  
For more information, call 393-8543.

**Indian dance performance**

Ranjeeta Bordoloi, a master of the Indian Classical Dance, will perform at the Williamsburg Library theatre on Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. No tickets or reservations are required for this free, hour-long performance. The Williamsburg Library is located at 515 Scotland Street, two blocks north of Merchants Square. For more information, call 259-4070.

**Musical in Newport News**

“Jesus Christ Superstar” will be performed at the Peninsula Community Theatre (Warwick Boulevard at Main Street) Aug. 1 to 23: Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

**KOREA** (Continued from page 2)

On July 27 Capt. Ralph S. Parr, Apple Valley, Calif., shoots down a Russian-built IL-12 cargo plane south of the Yalu River. It is Parr’s twelfth air kill and the 984th and last communist plane shot down in the Korean War.  
A Fifth Air Force spokesman says on July 28 that 823 of the Red planes shot down in dogfights were MiG jets. Allies lost 84 in dogfights, 58 of them F-86 Sabrejets.  
The Defense Department announces July 29 that the American casualty told in Korea as of July 24 stands at 140,546, with 22,350 dead. The spokesman says it will take months to compile exact figures for the entire war. The spokesman says the estimated communist killed and wounded at 1,350,000.

**July 27**

At 10:11 a.m. Monday July 27 (Sunday, July 26 in the United States) all officials have signed the truce. Fighting will officially end 12 hours later. Two copies each in English, Korean and Chinese are signed.  
Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison signs for the U.N. truce talks delegation and Lt. Gen. Nam Il, North Korea, does the same for the communists. Later that day, Gen. Mark Clark, U.N. Supreme Commander, signs his copies in Tokyo. North Korea dictator Kim Il Sung and Gen. Peng The-huai, sign at their headquarters in Kaesong.

***“We have won an armistice on a single battleground, not peace in the world, (Eisenhower) says. We may not now relax our guard nor cease our quest ...”***

President Dwight D. Eisenhower delivers a speech carried by radio and television on the same day in the United States. “We have won an armistice on a single battleground, not peace in the world, he says. We may not now relax our guard nor cease our quest.  
“In this struggle we have seen the United Nations meet the challenge of aggression not with pathetic words of protest, but with deeds of decisive purpose.”  
The talks started July 10, 1951, and have been the longest in history. Only two members of the negotiating teams remain from the original — Nam and a fellow communist.  
The main delegations met 159 times, liaison officers met 227 time and staff officers met 189.

The shortest meeting, 14 seconds, was held April 14, 1952.  
Troops from both sides along the current contact line must pull back within 72 hours to create a demilitarized zone.  
The truce makes for provisions of returning all prisoners who want to be repatriated within 90 days through a committee staffed with field grade officers from both sides.  
South Korea President Syngman Rhee, although still unhappy with the truce, promises to support it.  
**July 28**  
The Military Armistice Commission holds its first meeting on July 28.  
The commission selects Aug. 5 for each side to begin exchanging the prisoners who want to go home. The U.N. will return 69,000 North Koreans and 5,000 Chinese, but holds 14,500 Chinese and 7,800 North Koreans who refused repatriation.  
The communists say they will return 12,763 POWs, including 3,312 Americans. They also hold 8,186 South Koreans, 922 Britons, 228 Turks, 40 Filipinos, 22 Colombians, 15 Australians, 14 Canadians, 12 French, six South Africans, three Japanese, one Greek and one Belgian.  
The U.N. will send prisoners back at a rate of 2,760 a day to the communists’ 300 a day. The exchange must be completed within 88 days.

**Afterwards**

The prisoner exchange — Operation Big Switch — was completed Sept. 6. On Sept. 23 the U.N. Commander turned over the North Koreans and Chinese prisoners in its custody to the Neutral Nations Repatriation Committee. When the prisoners arrived at their holding compound, they saw Chinese and North Korean soldiers looking on and they rioted. They threw rocks and whatever they could use at the Reds.  
The Indian guards were never targeted and they were able to restore order without seriously injuring the prisoners.  
As had become the communist method of operation, they complained about the facilities in which they were to “explain” to the prisoners why they should return home.  
The explaining didn’t begin until Oct. 15. Between then and Dec. 23, when the 90-day explanation period ended, the Reds held only 10 sessions with the anti-communist prisoners.  
Out of the more than 22,000 non-repatriates, over 600 changed their minds and returned

home. Thousands of prisoners refused to talk to the communist representatives.  
Event organizers stress that the show may not be suitable for very young children. Tickets are \$12. For more information call, 595-5728.

**Living Museum fund-raiser**

Volunteers at the Virginia Living Museum will begin accepting items on Aug. 8 to sell at their "Mega Hidden Treasures Extravaganza" yard sale to be held at the museum this fall.  
Volunteers are looking for new or gently used items for this first annual yard sale. They will not accept clothing, major appliances or upholstered furniture.  
Contact the collections committee at 874-1422 for drop off times and location. All donations are tax deductible.

**Free outdoor concerts**

There will be free concerts at Port Warwick (Loftis Blvd. at Jefferson Ave.) on Aug. 6, 16 and 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The concerts will feature the Bill Brown Jazz Ensemble; the Jim Nesbitt Quintet; and the U.S. Continental Army Band Brass Quintet, respectively. For more information, call 369-3000.

After 120 days ended in early 1954, the anti-communist prisoners were released to U.N. control. All but 86 Chinese chose Formosa under the Chinese Nationalist government as their new homes. The others decided to settle in India and accompanied those troops when they went home. The North Koreans settled in South Korea.  
When American prisoners are released they embellish the tales about torture and other abuse from their communist captors.  
Many also accuse some fellow prisoners of collaborating with their captors to make life easier for themselves.  
More than 500 ex-prisoners are investigated for helping the enemy, but only a few are convicted.  
Americans’ experiences in prisoner camps leads the Secretary of Defense to create a 10-member Advisory Committee on Prisoners of War to investigate the situation.  
Deliberations lead the committee to create a new code of conduct for American to help service-members cope with a new phenomenon for POWs. President Eisenhower signs the new code on Aug. 17, 1955.  
The Republic of Korea and each nation that contributed troops to the fighting under the U.N. Command, except South Africa delegations, along with those from China, the USSR and North Korea meet in Switzerland April 26, 1954, to reach a peace agreement formally ending the war.  
Rigid demands from both sides make it impossible to arrive at a consensus. The conference ends in June without a formal end to the Korean War.  
The Korean War was the first limited engagement fought by United States armed forces for a limited objective. But combat in a limited war is essentially the same for soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who are under fire.  
Americans of the era repeated the valorous actions that their ancestors had on battlefields before them. That is borne out by the 131 Medals of Honor they earned, and the fact that 94 of them were presented posthumously.

*(Sources are Facts on File, 1953; Truce Tent and Fighting Front by Walter G. Hermes, Office of the Chief of Military History; and Korean War Heroes by Edward F. Murphy, Presidio Press, 1992)*

Enduring Freedom.

The first increment was announced Nov. 30, 2001 and focused on Active Army Special Forces soldiers and certain Aviation specialties.

The fourth and last increment was announced Feb. 14, 2003, and directed the Active Component (AC) Unit Stop Loss for units supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On May 27, 2003, Brown approved lifting AC

Unit Stop Loss and a third partial lift of stop loss for selected skills subject to Stop Loss one through four.

Prior to Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, the Army last used Stop Loss during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1990 when President George H. Bush delegated Stop Loss authority to the Secretary of Defense.

Stop loss neither affects most involuntary sep-

arations or retirements, nor does it generally limit laws, regulations, or policies that lead to involuntary separations, retirements, or releases from active duty.

Analysis for the Global War on Terrorism is on going. The Army's determination to lift RC Unit Stop Loss and the remaining two skills under 12-Month, Skill-Based Stop Loss will be addressed shortly.

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### Auditions for Encore Players

The Encore Players will hold auditions for the toe-tapping musical, "42nd Street," on Aug. 12 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Naval Amphibious Base Theater, Little Creek. Auditions are open to active-duty military, retirees, military family members (teens and adults) and base employees. Orchestra members, set builders and stage crew are also needed.

For audition appts. and information, call 460-5152.

### 'Fund the Cure'

The U.S. Postal Service recently released its new "Fund the Cure" stamp to help fund breast cancer research. Instead of the normal 37 cents for a stamp, this one costs 40 cents.

The additional 3 cents will go to breast cancer research. A "normal" book costs \$7.40. This one is only \$8. If all stamps are sold, it will raise an additional \$35,000,000 for this vital research.

### Casemate summer photo contest

Whether you have been around the world, or have just hung out and explored Hampton Roads, we invite you to submit your best summer photo to our "Sizzlin' Summer Snapshots" contest.

The Casemate's staff will judge entries and select the best photos for publication in a fall hard copy and on-line Casemate edition. All entries must be received at the Casemate office (Bldg. 27) no later than 5 p.m. on Aug. 29. For more information, call 788-3520.



# IRAQI

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The military effort will focus its capacity on the mid-level Baathist threat, he said.

The command's intelligence experts have found that the Iraqi Intelligence Service has a role in this much bigger than was once thought.

The official said that colonels and lieutenant colonels are orchestrating the action at regional and local levels in the country.

They have access to funds and access to arms and weapons. In many cases they are hiring poorer Iraqis to launch attacks.

But the big question needing an answer isn't strictly military:

Do the people living in the triangle between Baghdad, Tikrit and Ar Ramadi support the

Baathists or the coalition?

"You've got to win over the goodwill of the population over time in order to be able to defeat (the Baathist holdouts) militarily," the official said.

Officials contrast the support of the Baath Party with the support the coalition is already receiving from the Iraqi people.

Officials said there are about 36,000 local Iraqi police back on the streets.

There are thousands of local guards for areas.

Many Iraqis are interested in enlisting in a new Iraqi army and many are lining up for the Iraqi civil defense force.

Officials conservatively put the number of Iraqis under arms on the coalition side at 50,000.

# NATIONAL GUARD

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are currently deployed around the world. That is 21 percent of the Army Guard's 352,000 citizen-soldiers.

These deployments mark the Army's most ambitious use of National Guard brigade-size elements since World War II, when three infantry regiments from Washington state, California and Georgia, were used to round out three Army divisions, said Maj. Les Melnyk, an Army Guard historian.

Army Guard brigades from Kansas and Pennsylvania are currently conducting peacekeeping operations in Bosnia and Kosovo, respectively, and a battalion from Iowa is serving in the Sinai.

A brigade from Minnesota will replace its Kansas counterpart in Bosnia in September. Another brigade from the Minnesota Army National Guard's 34th Infantry Division is scheduled to

replace the Pennsylvania National Guard's 28th ID brigade in Kosovo in February.

An Army Guard battalion from Michigan will take the place of the Iowa battalion in the Sinai in January.

The enhanced separate brigades date from the 1993 Bottom-Up Review conducted by the Defense Department. The primary mission of the National Guard's enhanced separate brigades is to deploy on short notice and destroy, capture or repel enemy forces, using maneuver and shock effect.

Armored and mechanized brigades are authorized additional personnel beyond that of a typical brigade, and they are organized to fight engagements in conventional and various operations other than war activities.

*(Master Sgt. Bob Haskell is a journalist with the National Guard Bureau.)*

# THRASHER

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In a career that has spanned more than 30 years Thrasher has served in an impressive array of assignments. His early key duty positions included command of a 155 mm Howitzer Battery with the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany and service as an Assistant Professor of Military Science at Indiana University of Pennsylvania – where he also earned an Advanced Degree in Vocational/Educational Guidance. He also served as Aide-de-Camp and Executive Officer to the Commanding General, VII Corps, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army in Germany.

His key command assignments include duty as the com-

mander of 3rd Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm; the 1st Armored Division Artillery in Baumholder, Germany. during Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia-Herzegovina; and Commanding General of the XVIII Corps Artillery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Thrasher has also served as Special Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe and Chief Requirements at the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe. He is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, the Armor Officer Advanced Course, and the Command and General Staff College.